irery little blemishes in his conduct, Is alone competent to receive gifts; a bad or illiterate Brahmana degrades his'Self lowerer by taking any gift. The foremost of Brahmanas, obliged to earn his livelihood by penmanship, shall subsequently practise a penance *by* way of expiation.

In tb£ first quarter of the day, a Brahmana shall collect sesame, flowers, Kusha-grass, and earth for rubbing his body with, while bathing; a bath in a natural stream of water is recommended. Ablutions may be divided into six classes such as, the Nttyatn (daily obligatory bath, non-performance whereof, is sinful), Naimittikam (specific or occasional), Kamyam (that made for the fruition of any definite object), Kriyangam (which forms the part of, or sequel to, any religious rite), Malakarshanatn (that jmade for the purpose of cleansing the body.) and Kriya (bath which in itself forms a religious rite.) Without bathing a man does not become competent to perform his daily rite of Homa, Japa, etc.; hence, he shall bathe early in the morning, each day. An ablution, whicn is made under specific circumstances such as, the one made for the purpose of purifying one's self, after touching excreta or a Chandala or a woman in her menses, is called a Naimittika Snanam,. Bathing under the influence of any auspicious asterisn} such as, the Pushya etc., and made in accordance with th$ directions of astrologers, is a called K£mya Snanam. He, who has not the fruition of any definite object in his heart, must not bathe under such circumstances. An

ablution, made with the express object of worshipping any divinity, or of studying any sacred Vedic Mantra, is called a Kriya Sn4nann, A bath, taken for the purpose of removing the impurities of the body, and for no other object, is called a Mala*p-karsfeaaam bndnam. An ablution in a sacred pool, or in » natural reservoir of water, when it forms in itself a religions rite, is called a Kriya Sndnam. A mere touch of tbe water of a sacred pool leads to the purification of the bodily limbs; religious merit is obtained by taking a